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TOHAK 158

FBIS 17 AND 18

FBIS 17

TENTH ADD 02 (THIEU SPEECH TEXT)

XXX TO RESTORE PEACE.

(TEXT) IF THE COMMUNISTS HAD GOOD WILL TO END THE WAR THROUGH A JUST AND RATIONAL SOLUTION, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN PEACE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA, OR AT LEAST, WHILE NEGOTIATION FOR AN OVERALL SOLUTION WAS UNDERWAY, A CEASE-FIRE WOULD HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT THAT WOULD CREATE A FAVORABLE CONCILIATORY ATMOSPHERE; OR AT LEAST THEY COULD TAKE AN ENTIRELY HUMANITARIAN ACTION UNRELATED TO MILITARY OR POLITICAL ASPECTS--THE RELEASE OF POW'S BY VARIOUS SIDES. IN THIS CASE THE POW'S COULD EXPECT TO REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES BEFORE CHRISTMAS. JV

TODAY, BECAUSE TIME IS VERY URGENT AND WE HAVE LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND BECAUSE OF OUR GOOD WILL FOR RESTORING PEACE FOR OUR PEOPLE IN BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND FOR CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONCORD FAVORABLE FOR THE CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE VIETNAMESE SIDES TO REACH A PEACE SOLUTION, THE RVN GOVERNMENT ADVANCES THE FOLLOWING IDEA: A TRUCE (NGUWNG CHIEENS) OF SUBSTANTIAL DURATION MAY BE OBSERVED FROM PRE-CHRISTMAS TIME TO POST-NEW YEAR'S DAY OF 1973. DURING THIS TRUCE PERIOD VARIOUS SIDES, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, WOULD HALT ALL OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITIES, AND THE FOLLOWING TWO SPECIFIC, USEFUL AND EASILY REALIZABLE TASKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT:

1--EXCHANGE POW'S SO THEY MAY RETURN HOME BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

2--VARIOUS VIETNAMESE SIDES--THAT IS, NORTH VIETNAM, THE RVN AND THE LIBERATION FRONT, MAKE CONTACT TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND LAY A BASIS FOR PROMOTING SERIOUS AND PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS TO ADVANCE TOWARD A SOLUTION FOR ENDING

THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE

REGARDING MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONTACTS IN THE CENTRAL
REGIONS AND SOUTH VIETNAM ITSELF, THESE CONTACTS WOULD BE
HELD OPENLY OR SECRETLY, ANYWHERE, AND ANY PROBLEM MAY BE DISCUSSED.

THESE IDEAS--IF RESPONDED TO BY ALL PARTIES--MAY BE DISCUSSED
IN THE COMING AND SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.

THE RVN GOVERNMENT THINKS THAT BECAUSE TRUCE, REFLECTING
THE SACRED SIGNIFICANCE OF PEACE AND HUMAN COMPASSION HAVE BEEN
OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON PREVIOUS CHRISTMASSES, THIS CHRISTMAS IN
PARTICULAR, WHEN PEACE IS NEARER THAN EVERY BEFORE, THE RVN HOPES
THAT SOME PROGRESS, HOWEVER LITTLE, WILL BE ACHIEVED.

THE RVN GOVERNMENT ALSO THINKS THAT IF THIS TRUCE IS OBSERVED
CORRECTLY AND NEITHER SIDE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF IT TO PREPARE FOR
OFFENSIVES AND MASSACRE ON A LARGER SCALE, AND IF SATISFACTORY
CONTACTS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN WHICH ALL SIDES SHOW THEIR GOOD WILL,
THE TRUCE MAY BE PERIODICALLY EXTENDED UPON AGREEMENT OF ALL
THE SIDES SO THAT THE CONTACTS WILL BECOME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS
AND ACHIEVE PROGRESS.

TO CONTRIBUTE TO RESTORING AN EARLY PEACE IN THIS PART OF
THE WORLD, THE RVN GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE UNITED NATIONS OR
ANY OTHER NATION IN THE WORLD TO COME TO VIETNAM TO OBSERVE
HOW ALL SIDES RESPECT THE TRUCE AND SHOW THEIR GOOD
WILL IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

AS FAR AS THE RVN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED,
WITH REGARD TO THE EXCHANGE OF POW'S THE RVN GOVERNMENT STILL
MAINTAINS ITS GOOD INTENTION, AS IT PROPOSED TO THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS THAT THE RVN GOVERNMENT IS READY TO MAKE
ITS MODEST CONTRIBUTION TO SOLVING THE U.S. POW PROBLEM THIS
CHRISTMAS BY RETURNING TO NORTH VIETNAM ALL COMMUNIST NORTH
VIETNAMESE POW'S NOW IN RVN CUSTODY.

THIS ACT BY THE RVN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WILL ONLY AIM
AT SHOWING THEIR DEEP SYMPATHY AND GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE,
GOVERNMENT AND POW'S FAMILIES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELPING THE RVN FIGHT TO DEFEND ITS FREEDOM
AND INDEPENDENCE. TO DISPLAY MAXIMUM GOOD WILL, THE RVN
GOVERNMENT WILL UNILATERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE
1,815 COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE POW'S WHO ARE DISABLED AND
WHOSE WOUNDS ARE INCURABLE, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER HEALTHY POW'S

(MORE)

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FBIS 18

ELEVENTH AND LAST ADD 02 (THIEU SPEECH TEXT)

XXX OF THE TRUCE.

(TEXT) DEAR CHAIRMEN, DEAR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES,
DEAR COMPATRIOTS: OUR HISTORY SHOWS THAT THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE
NATION HAS MANY TIMES OVERCOME AND TRIUMPHED OVER ALL CHALLENGES,
DANGERS AND HARDSHIPS THANKS TO THE UNITY AND DETERMINATION
SHOWN BY OUR TENACIOUS, STALWART AND BRAVE PEOPLE. THIS YEAR,
SINCE THE DAY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS MASSIVELY SENT
THEIR TROOPS ACROSS THE PARALLEL TO OPEN THEIR OFFENSIVE,
THANKS TO THE DETERMINATION OF OUR PEOPLE AND TROOPS AND THE
SINGLE-MINDEDNESS OF THE REAR AND THE FRONTLINE, THE AGGRESSOR
FORCES HAVE BEEN TRAGICALLY DEFEATED AND OUR TERRITORY HAS BEEN
RESTORED.

RECENTLY, IN LATE OCTOBER, FULLY AWARE OF THE COMMUNISTS'
WICKED INTENTIONS IN THEIR SO-CALLED PEACE SOLUTION, THE
COMPATRIOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY RESPONDED TO MY APPEAL,
UNANIMOUSLY UNITED AND TIGHTENED THEIR RANKS--DISPLAYING THE
ENTIRE PEOPLE'S IRON WILL AND PROVIDING THE CONGRESS AND
THE GOVERNMENT WITH STRONG SUPPORT IN PROTECTING THE NATION'S
JUST AND LEGITIMATE STAND AND NIPPING ALL THE COMMUNISTS'
CRAFTY DESIGNS OF SABOTAGING A CEASE-FIRE AND PEACE IN THE BUD,
ENABLING US TO WIN THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT AND CAPTURE LAND.

HOWEVER, THE ROAD WE FOLLOW STILL HAS MANY DIFFICULTIES
AND OBSTACLES. EVEN THOUGH ONE DANGEROUS PHASE HAS NOT COMPLETELY
PASSED, MANY OTHERS AWAITS US. OUR ENEMY WILL NEVER GIVE UP HIS
AIMS; ON THE CONTRARY, HE IS STILL TRYING BY ALL MEANS
TO TAKE OVER THE SOUTH. THEREFORE WE MUST NOT LET OURSELVES
BE ROCKED TO SLEEP BY A FALSE PEACE SOLUTION ADVANCED BY THE
COMMUNISTS. ON THE CONTRARY, WE MUST HEIGHTEN OUR VIGILANCE MORE
THAN EVER BEFORE AND AT THE SAME TIME URGENTLY ENGAGE IN THE TASKS
OF ANOTHER STAGE NO LESS DIFFICULT IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR
THE NATION'S SURVIVAL. THIS IS A PHASE OF STRUGGLE FOR A JUST

MOREOVER, IT IS NECESSARY TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS POLITICALLY;

OTHERWISE WE WILL BE KILLED. TO AVOID BEING KILLED, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS. WE HAVE SHOWN THE WORLD AND OUR ALLIES THAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO DEFEND, AND ARE CAPABLE OF DEFENDING, OUR COUNTRY AND FREEDOM. FOR YEARS WE HAVE ALSO SHOWN THE COMMUNISTS THAT THEY CANNOT EASILY TAKE OVER SOUTH VIETNAM, AS THEY WISH. NONETHELESS, TODAY WE STILL CANNOT BE NEGLIGENT, WE MUST INSURE THAT THE COMMUNISTS CANNOT ACHIEVE, THROUGH THEIR POLITICAL SCHEMES OR FALSE PEACE SOLUTION AS MENTIONED IN THEIR DISHONEST AND CRAFTY AGREEMENT, WHAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS IN SOUTH VIETNAM DESPITE THE IMMEASURABLE BLOOD AND BONES THEY HAVE SACRIFICED.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I BEG TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THE COMPATRIOTS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE, THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR SOLIDARITY AND, TOGETHER WITH ME, FIRMLY MAINTAIN THE NATIONAL STAND AND DEFEND THIS FREE SOUTH VIETNAM. IT IS TIME THAT ALL OF US, YOU AND I, ACHIEVE NATIONAL SOLIDARITY ON THE BASIS OF DETERMINATION TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY, AND IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE IN THE PRESENT PHASE OF OUR HISTORY.

THEREFORE I THINK THAT THE MOST CONCRETE WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS NOBLE OBJECTIVE IS FOR YOU TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATION IN WAYS THAT YOU AND I WILL DISCUSS AND AGREE ON. THE NATIONAL UNITY SPIRIT, REFLECTED BY CONCRETE ACTS OF SOLIDARITY, WILL REFLECT THE DETERMINATION OF THE 17.5 MILLION SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHO ARE UNITED AS ONE MAN, TO DEFEND THEIR BELOVED COUNTRY AND PREVENT IT FROM FALLING UNDER THE DOMINATION OF THE CRUEL COMMUNISTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND AFFECTIONATE SALUTATIONS TO THE COMPATRIOTSJM

(ENDALL)

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